GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1802
ANSWERED ON:04.05.2016
Amendment in Act
Patel Smt. Jayshreeben

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy to bring amendment/simplify the Act relating to train accidents;
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
(c) the number of train accidents that took place under Ahmedabad division; and
(d) the measures taken by the Government to deal with such accident cases?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1802 BY SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.05.2016 REGARDING AMENDMENT IN ACT.

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The current provisions are sufficient.

(c): During the last two years i.e. 2014-15 and 2015-16, two consequential train accidents took place over Ahmedabad Division.
(d): Safety is accorded the highest priority by Indian Railways and all possible steps are undertaken on a continual basis to prevent accidents and to enhance safety. These include timely replacement of over-aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for upgradation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, signalling and interlocking systems, safety drives, greater emphasis on training of officials and inspections at regular intervals to monitor and educate staff for observance of safe practices. Safety devices/systems being used to prevent accidents include complete track circuiting, provision of Block Proving Axle Counters (BPAC), Auxiliary Warning System (AWS), Colour Light LED Signals, Vigilance Control Device (VCD), usage of 60kg rails and Pre-stressed Concrete Sleepers, long rail panels, better welding technology, progressive use of Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) Coaches, Centre Buffer Couplers with Integral Coach Factory (ICF) Coaches, etc.

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